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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

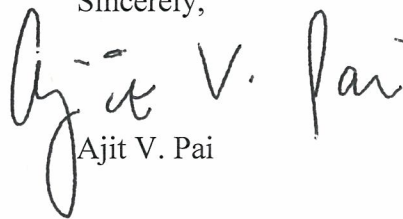
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I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Ajit" and last name "Pai" being more prominent than the middle initial "V".
Ajit V. Pai



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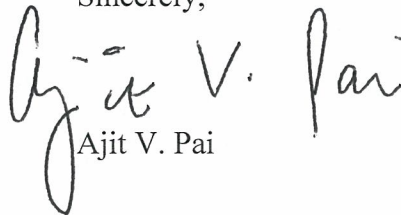
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